

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 16, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. THOMSON submitted the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of William R. West, alias Mooney, praying Congress to grant him an invalid pension, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report:*

The petitioner states that he entered the service in August, 1814, for six months, and that in December, 1814, he was wounded in his left elbow joint by the accidental discharge of a gun. That he was substituted in the room and stead of William Babbett, alias Wright.

Upon reference to the rolls in the office of the Third Auditor, the name of William R. West, or William R. Mooney does not appear in the company in which he states he served. It also appears that William Babbett, for whom he claims to have been a substitute, served during the entire service of the company from the 7th day of August to the 10th day of December, 1814. The Auditor states that William Wright does not appear on the rolls.

No sufficient evidence has been furnished to disprove the accuracy of the rolls, and under the general laws no such testimony could be allowed. It further appears, that thirty-nine years elapsed before he applied for a pension.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be denied.

